

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 896

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Kathryn Brinkley of William Blount High School, 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Brinkley is one such exceptional student, who was recently named a Finalist in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Ms. Brinkley has achieved outstanding academic success and joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, the National Merit Scholarship Program awards this distinction to students who have demonstrated outstanding potential for academic success and who place among the highest ranks of program participants; and

WHEREAS, a senior at William Blount High School, Ms. Brinkley has earned an exemplary 4.3 grade point average while participating in numerous extracurricular activities, including band, with which she served as drum major, and the Governor's School for the Humanities; and

WHEREAS, active in her community, she has lent her time and talents as a volunteer with Welcome Table at Maryville FUMC, the Blount County Community Food Connection, and Second Harvest Food Bank; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, she has received the DENSO Four-Star Academic Award for Excellence and been named a Chancellor's Scholarship Finalist at Appalachian State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Brinkley's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success as she plans to attend Appalachian State University next fall to study psychology in order to pursue a career as a clinical psychologist; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her family, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Brinkley's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of the members of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor and congratulate Kathryn Brinkley upon being named a Finalist in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Program, recognize her for her impressive academic achievement, and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.